

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: Thursday, June 3, 2021 – 3:00 PM**  
**Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform**

- I. Chairperson Willie E. Bell called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. Invocation.** Chaplain Stanley Mobley provided the invocation.
- III. Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared.**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chairperson	Yes	
Annie Mae Holt, Vice-Chairperson	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Jim Holley	Yes	
Martin Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	11	

- IV. The Board approved the Agenda for Thursday, June 3, 2021.**

**Motion:** Commissioner Hernandez      **Second:** Commissioner Bernard      **Discussion:** None.

**VOTE:**                      **Yes = 11**                      **No = 0**                      **Motion: ADOPTED**

- V. Chairperson Bell called for any corrections to the Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2021. After no corrections were submitted, the minutes were approved.**

**Motion:** Commissioner Bernard      **Second:** Commissioner Burch      **Discussion:** None.

**Yes:** Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Holley and Commissioner Jones.

**No:** Commissioner Burton

**VOTE:**                      **Yes = 10**                      **No = 1**                      **Motion: ADOPTED**

- VI. Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives.**

- VII. Chair's Report.** Chairperson Bell shared updates regarding the extension of remote Board Meetings through June 30, 2021; welcoming and congratulating Interim Chief James E. White on his new post; today's meeting agenda items; parliamentary updates; public comments and rules of meeting decorum; and the Board's upcoming Board Elections scheduled during next week's Board Meeting.

**Resolution: Vice-Chairperson Holt** read the resolution honoring 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Lashinda Stair (Retirement).

**RESOLUTION HONORING 1<sup>st</sup> ASSISTANT CHIEF LASHINDA T. STAIR**

- WHEREAS** Lashinda T. Stair is a proven dynamic leader with the ability to deliver results in high pressure situations. She is a 25-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department, appointed to the historic rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief and assigned to the Office of the Chief of Police; and
- WHEREAS** She was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on May 6, 1996. Upon graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Police Officer Stair began her career in the First Precinct. She was also assigned to Central Events and Police Community Service; and
- WHEREAS** On October 27, 2000, Officer Stair was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assumed command of the Psychological Services Unit of the Medical Section. Sergeant Stair later served as the Commanding Officer of the Equal Employment Opportunity Office. Sergeant Stair earned promotion to the rank of Lieutenant on January 11, 2007 and became the Commanding Officer of the Human Resources Bureau. Her other assignments included the Chief of Staff for the Office of the Assistant Chief of Operations and Central District Central Events; and
- WHEREAS** On September 22, 2011, Lieutenant Stair was appointed to the rank of Inspector and remained as the Officer in Charge of Central District Central Events, Traffic Units, Training Center, and Human Resources Bureau; and
- WHEREAS** Inspector Stair was appointed to the rank of Deputy Chief on September 30, 2013 and assumed command of the Support Services Bureau and the Neighborhood Policing Bureau; and
- WHEREAS** On March 17, 2014, under the leadership of Chief James Craig, Deputy Chief Stair made history when she became the first member and female of the Detroit Police Department to be appointed to the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief of Police; and
- WHEREAS** First Assistant Chief Stair is a loving wife, a devoted mother of two phenomenal children, and a graduate of Cass Technical High School. She holds a Master of Science in Liberal Studies, with a concentration in Public Administration from Eastern Michigan University and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, with a minor in Psychology from Wayne State University. She is a graduate of the FBI National Executive Institute and Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command. She is a member of the Wayne State Alumni Association, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and International Association of Chiefs of Police. She also sits on the Boards of Directors for local and national organizations, including Crime Stoppers of Michigan, the Detroit Crime Commission, the Detroit Police Benefit and Protective Association, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence-Greater Detroit Area, the Detroit Public Safety Foundation, and Girls for Global Growth. In 2017, Forbes Magazine named 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Stair one of its *Forty over Forty Women to Watch*.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the city of Detroit recognize and honor the commitment and devoted spirit of 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Lashinda Stair. Her unmatched and relentless pursuit of effective organizational management is greatly appreciated and has proven to be an invaluable asset for the entire department.

We thank and congratulate you, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Lashinda Stair.

**Vice-Chairperson Holt** moved to adopt the resolution honoring 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Lashinda Stair. **Commissioner Holley** seconded. Discussion: **None**.

**VIII. VOTE:** Yes = 11 No = 0 **Motion: PASSED**

**Resolution: Commissioner Davis** read the resolution honoring Founding Director of the Detroit Public Safety Foundation Catherine “Cathy” Govan (Posthumously).

**RESOLUTION HONORING FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF  
THE DETROIT PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION  
CATHERINE “CATHY” GOVAN  
POSTHUMOUSLY**

- WHEREAS** Catherine “Cathy” Govan was born and raised in Detroit, where she dedicated herself to numerous community and civic causes. In October 2013, she became the executive director of the newly formed Detroit Public Safety Foundation; and

**WHEREAS** as the founding Executive Director, Ms. Govan provided the vision and organizational acumen to establish the Foundation as a vital partner to the Police Department, Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Services. She worked to ensure their missions and to uplift first responders for their selfless service; and

**WHEREAS** her work gained support for public safety during challenging times and led to important programs and events. Executive Director Govan coordinated and raised funds to reinstate the Mounted Police Unit amid the City's historic bankruptcy. She opened the Detroit Police Museum & Gift Shop and held the first Women in Blue and Above & Beyond celebrations. She was instrumental to the Police Department's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Her early work with the development of *Drive To Thrive* for high school students and her leadership of other programs continue to benefit Detroit and the public safety community today; and

**WHEREAS** the Board and many members interacted and worked with Executive Director Govan during her tenure. After she left for new opportunities in August 2017, she remained a resource and tireless supporter for the Public Safety Foundation and Detroit's first responders. Sadly, on May 14, 2021, she succumbed to complications due to Covid-19. The Board continues to extend condolences to her family and friends, who celebrated her life and graciously asked others to support the Foundation in her honor.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit, awards this resolution posthumously to Cathy Govan for her dedicated and visionary service as the executive director of the Detroit Public Safety Foundation from 2013-2017. Her professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the City of Detroit, its citizens, and its first responders merit our highest regards.

We salute you, former Executive Director Cathy Govan for a job well done.

**Commissioner Davis** moved to adopt the resolution honoring Founding Director of the Detroit Public Safety Foundation Catherine "Cathy" Govan (Posthumously). **Commissioner Bernard** seconded. Discussion: **None**.

**VOTE:** Yes = 11 No = 0 **Motion: PASSED**

**IX. Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police's Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information:**

**Deputy Chief Mark Bliss** represented **Chief James E. White** and reported on officers injured in the line of duty; current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property; COVID-19 impacts, and recent critical incidents impacting DPD and the community. **See attached Meeting Transcripts for more information.**

Category	Prior Day	Prior 7 Days	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Change	% Change	
Criminal Homicides*	0	9	129	104	25	24%	▲
Sex Assaults*	0	11	305	276	29	11%	▲
Aggravated Assaults*	45	260	4,779	3,740	1,039	28%	▲
- Non-Fatal Shootings*	3	25	423	305	118	39%	▲
Robberies	7	39	572	809	-237	-29%	▼
- Carjackings	0	4	80	67	13	19%	▲
<b>Part I Violent Crime</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>5,819</b>	<b>4,929</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>▲</b>
Category	Prior Day	Prior 7 Days	2021 YTD	2020 YTD	Change	% Change	
Burglaries	8	73	1,435	2,088	-653	-31%	▼
Larcenies	15	126	3,858	5,042	-1,184	-23%	▼
Motor Vehicle Thefts	5	70	2,378	2,456	-78	-3%	▼
<b>Part I Property Crime</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>7,671</b>	<b>9,586</b>	<b>-1,915</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>▼</b>
<b>Total Part I Crime</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>13,531</b>	<b>14,517</b>	<b>-986</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>▼</b>

**Deputy Chief Bliss** also provided updates regarding this past week's Drag Racing Enforcement Efforts and Priority Response Times. **Deputy Chief Bliss** also shared information regarding Chief White's 4-Point Strategic Plan to reduce and deter crime as follows: (1) Upon identifying a goal of a 10% reduction in violent crime, the Department will engage in a reorganization plan, leverage programs, focus resources on known crime hubs, and responsibly use technology to reduce crime; (2) Target Gun Violence or Identify Violent Offenders; (3) Enforce Traffic-Safety and minimize Illegal Drag Racing by increasing traffic enforcement throughout

the city (i.e. the goal is traffic safety, visibility, and overall deterrence of crime, not to emphasize a ticket-driven initiative); and (4) Promote Recruitment Initiatives that incorporate diversity and inclusion among other key components.

**Chief James E. White** also answered questions regarding various inquiries posed by Board Members regarding his 4-Point Plan and recent incidents that have occurred within the community. **Commissioner Davis** posed questions regarding two recent news media stories regarding police practices to detain black males to determine ownership of a weapon and illegal driving activity where no police action is taken. **Commissioner Rev. Holley** thanked Chief White for attending today's meeting. **Commissioner Brown** discussed the Chief's recruitment initiatives and discussed a recent report published by the Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services entitled, "Law Enforcement Officer Suicide 2020 Report to Congress" and the Department's proactive measures to address this concern within the Department. **Commissioner Brown** volunteered his and the Board's efforts to assist the Department regarding mental health initiatives for Department members and discussed expanding the initiatives to all public safety members (i.e. police, fire, and EMS). **Commissioner Bernard** asked for more information regarding Chief White's recent Press Conference with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives – Federal Agency (ATF). **Commissioner Bernard** discussed the Chief's initiative prohibiting full car in-custody arrest of individuals and asked for a review of the legality and basis of DPD Members conducting traffic stops of African-American male youths within the Eighth Precinct. **Commissioner Burch** discussed the strategies and plans to deter crime and inquired about the methods in which these initiatives are shared in an open, public setting. **Commissioner Burton** thanked Chief White for his participation in the mental health community forum held recently and also thanked Commander Kyra Joy Hope and team for planning the community forum. **Commissioner Bernard** inquired about the Michigan State Police's (MSP) checkpoint processes and procedures arranged at Belle Isle this past weekend.

**X. PRESENTATION(S) TO THE BOARD: A. Budget Report/DPD Fiscal (Quarter #3) – Agency Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Nevrus Nazarko**

**B. Committee on Race & Equality (CORE) – Lieutenant Sherell Stanley**

- A. **Budget Report/DPD Fiscal (Quarter #3) – Agency CFO Nazarko** reported on the following: Budget to Actual Revenues & Expenses as of March 31, 2021; Quarterly Active Grants Assessment Report; Grant Activity Report (New Grants for the quarter ending 03/31/2021); Forfeiture Activity for the quarter ending 3/31/2021; GSD Capital Expenditure Report which is provided every quarter; and Vehicle Purchase Report (None purchased in the third quarter). The City operates on a fiscal year basis, and this is the third quarter of the fiscal year. See Report on File.
- B. **CORE Committee on Race and Equality: Lieutenant Sherell Stanley**, Commanding Officer of the CORE Unit presented on the CORE Unit describing that the unit was designed to increase awareness, safeguard equality, and celebrate the strength of diversity. CORE also provides a safe haven where members can constructively dialogue in a forum that is non-judgmental, intended to preserve the dignity of each member by promoting honesty, inclusiveness, and courage to facilitate positive change. The CORE Advisory Committee, developed under Retired Chief of Police James E. Craig's leadership, serves as a resource for members to voice their concerns perceived and/or observed discriminatory treatment and/or practices based on the protected classes. **Lieutenant Stanley** also provided highlights regarding some of the program's initiatives and achievements over the last few years and demonstrated how to access "CORE Corner" on both the Department and the City of Detroit's Website.

**XI. Report from Interim Board Secretary Melanie White/Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:**

1. Weekly DPD Facial Recognition Technology Report 5/24/21 – 5/30/21
2. Project Green Light Update 6/1/21
3. Staff Reports

**XII. Unfinished Business.** None.

**XIII. New Business.** None.

**XIV. Announcements:**

**Mr. Robert Brown** announced the following:

1. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., BOPC Meeting
2. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., BOPC Meeting

**XV. Oral Communications/Public Comments:**

Lieutenant Mark Young, Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Michelle George, Ms. Tawanna Petty, and CAC Scotty Boman offered public comments.

**XVI. Motion to go into Closed Session-Personnel Matters 5:22 p.m. Adopted**

**Motion:** Commissioner Burch      **Second:** Commissioner Jones      **Discussion:** None.

**XVII. Motion to Reconvene Public Meeting at 5:57 p.m. Adopted**

**Motion:** Commissioner Davis      **Second:** Commissioner Brown      **Discussion:** None.

**XVIII. Chairperson Bell adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.**

**Motion:** Vice-Chairperson Holt      **Second:** Commissioner Davis      Discussion. **None:** Motion Adopted.